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Subject: Microsoft settlement.

I'm told you're gathering citizen's opinions regarding the recent DOJ/Microsoft settlement.

A question - what was the purpose of this whole exercise? After years of legal action and hundreds of thousands of dollars of expense, what has been accomplished? The DOJ has made Microsoft promise to play nice. Just like it promised to play nice last time - which it did, for a day or two. Then it was right back to business as usual.

So now MS is going to "donate" hardware & software to poor schools? How nice of them! They get to hook another generation on their software and make it look like they're being gracious. Please tell me they don't get a tax write-off for it!!

In short you've run up my tax bill, have nothing to show for it and Microsoft gets off not only unscathed but looking like a good, penitent corporate member of society. <sarcasm>Gee, thanks.</sarcasm>

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